REMARKS

Claim 17 has been amended to correct the typographical error noted by the Examiner. Such amendment does not alter the scope of Claim 17.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 2, and 14 as being anticipated by the Wilson-Jones reference. The rejection is not understood and, therefore, is respectfully traversed. Specifically, the Examiner stated that the Wilson-Jones reference discloses an:

> "electric power steering control device in which the current and torque applied to the motor decreases with speed. The device has a magnitude limit when the device is powered up and the speed is zero. The second signal is regarded as speed which varies with time. If the speed of the vehicle is decreasing than the said torque applied to said steering mechanism increases to a max value with time and its rate is dependent on the second signal that is speed. the current and thus the torque are capped by the start up value at rest."

The rejection does not clearly identify which portions of the Wilson-Jones reference are believed to show the elements of the invention defined in any of Claims 1, 2, or 14. Additionally, the last two sentences of the rejection are confusing and not understood. Thus, the rejection does not provide an adequate explanation of the rejection in order to formulate a proper response. Clarification is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 defines the invention as an electric power assisted steering apparatus that includes, among other things, a torque limiting device that is arranged to limit the magnitude of the torque to be applied to a steering mechanism to a maximum of a value that increases in time from a first value to a second value at a rate that is dependent on a

second signal that is indicative of the speed of the vehicle. The Wilson-Jones reference does not appear to disclose such a structure.

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